महोदय, केन्द्र सरकार ने DAVP की विज्ञापन दरों में इज़ाफा करके और दूसरे तरीकों से निजी लाभ के लिए चलाए जा रहे अखबारों को मंदी से उबारने के लिए करोड़ों रुपयों की मदद की है, लेकिन UNI, जो सहकारिता के सिद्धांत पर चलने वाली एक संस्था है, उसे सरकार मदद के रूप में एक कौड़ी भी नहीं दे रही है।

महोदय, श्री कुलदीप नैयर साहब की अध्यक्षता में गठित समिति ने 1971 में अपनी रिपोर्ट में समाचार एजेंसियों के सुचारु संचालन के लिए सरकार से उन्हें कानूनी संरक्षण एवं आर्थिक सहायता देने की सिफारिश की थी। 1992 में सरकार ने एक एजेंसी को 10 करोड़ रुपया दिया, लेकिन UNI जैसे संस्था को वह कुछ नहीं दे रही है।

महोदय, ये लोग सॉफ्ट लोन की मांग कर रहे हैं कि हमको सॉफ्ट लोन दीजिए, जिससे वे अपने यहां एक इमारत बनाएंगे। बीपी हाउस के बगल में उनका एक बहुत बड़ा भूखंड है, अगर वे वहां पर एक इमारत बना लें, तो उससे उनकी एजेंसी भी चलेगी और उनके कर्मचारियों को वेतन भी मिल सकेगा।

महोदय, जब हवाई जहाज के पायलेट्स का मामला होता है अथवा अन्य किसी का मामला होता है, तो सरकार उसमें संवेदनशीलता दिखलाती है। हम आपसे गुजारिश करना चाहते हैं कि ये अल्प-वेतनभोगी कर्मचारी हैं और भूखों मर रहे हैं। हाल ही में एक वरिष्ठ पत्रकार श्री कृष्ण पांडे जी को हार्ट अटैक हो गया था। उनकी दो-दो बच्चियां शादी करने लायक हैं। इस तरह से ये परिवार तबाह हो रहे हैं। ..(समय **की घंटी**)

श्री उपसभापति: बस हो गया।

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी: महोदय, सरकार से हम कहेंगे कि आप डायरैक्शन दीजिए, ताकि इस संवेदनशील मामले को सुलझाया जा सके।

श्री उपसभापति: बस, आपका माइक बंद हो गया है।

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि (उड़ीसा): सर, मैं भी स्वयं को इस मामले से संबद्ध करता हूं।

Demand for carving out Telangana State

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, it is a serious issue. The State of Andhra Pradesh is on the boil. For the last fifteen days, all the educational institutions are closed. As per the media reports, more than twenty people are either dead or have committed suicide. One of the former Ministers, and, an ally of the ruling party, is on 'fast' for the last ten days. There is tension everywhere. There are attacks on public property. The entire situation is very tense. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and the Congress Party Chief there says that the issue is with the Central Government. Mr. Veerappa Moily, who is the in charge there, and, also a Cabinet Minister said openly, this issue rests with the State Government. I am not able to understand all this. On such a burning issue of Telangana, the Government of India needs to take a categorical stand. What is your stand? What do you want to do? Do you want the situation to continue? Do you want this tension to continue? Do you want the children to suffer? Do you want these regional feelings to flare up further? You do not have any solution. You mentioned it at the time of elections in 2004. You had an alliance with the TRS. The Presidential Address to the Joint Session of the Parliament also mentioned about

Telangana. You appointed the Pranab Mukherjee Committee. You also said, the entire decision is left to the leader of the Congress Party, and, subsequently, now, you are saying that you require time. Five years are over. I want to know from the ruling party, Sir, what is the stand of the Congress Party, and, what is the stand of the UPA Government vis-a-vis Telangana. You wanted to build a consensus. We said, we are willing to support you. We are there to extend a helping hand. I would suggest to the Government that if you have the political will, bring the Bill, we will support you. I don't think, anybody is opposing it now. There is a broad spectrum of political opinion, which is favouring division of Andhra Pradesh into two States. Still, the Government is delaying it. You are acting in such a manner which will increase the tension there in the State without offering any solution. Can you just keep quiet like this and allow people to take to the streets and, then, have this sort of situation in Andhra Pradesh. I do not know.

Sir, there are reports that all the Cabinet Ministers belonging to Telangana in the Congress Party said that they are for the Telangana. The Congress President said, we are for the State of Telangana. My colleague, Mr. Keshava Rao, former Congress President, who is sitting here, said that he is for Telangana. Then, who is opposing it. What is it that is delaying the matter? What is the reason? I am not able to understand it. Everybody is sympathetic. Five years are over, and, sixth year is also ending. And you want to spend some more precious time like this. What is the stand of the Ruling Party and the Government of India? I would like to know this. People are indulging in self-immolation. The Government of India so far has not uttered a single word. Many delegations have come here. The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha also declared it publicly and, as a major Opposition Party, we have categorically said that we are in favour of division of the State and we are ready to support the Resolution of Telangana. What is your stand? Are you trying to fool the people further? You did it in 1969; you did it in 1972; and you want to do it once again. What is it? I am not able to understand it. What is the stand of the Ruling Party? Why are they silent? There has to be some response. Please try to understand what is happening in Andhra Pradesh. *(Interruptions)*

श्री प्रकाश जावडेकर (महाराष्ट्र): सर, ...**(व्यवधान)**... हमने पाँच दिन पहले ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि (उड़ीसा): सर, ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री उपसभापति: नहीं, नहीं, ...**(व्यवधान)**... हो गया ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand): Sir, we want a response from the Government.

श्री उपसभापति: ठीक है ...**(व्यवधान)**... आपने Zero Hour में mention किया, लेकिन...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, they had an alliance with the TRS. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I cannot influence the Government to give reply for a Zero Hour Mention. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, my point is that in a normal situation we would not have raised it; we have not pressed for an answer. One Member of Parliament, a former Minister, is on fast and his health is deteriorating. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is correct. ...*(Interruptions)*... I hope the Government will take it up. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. R.C. Singh. ...*(Interruptions)*.. You have said that. The Government is listening. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, the Government has to ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD (Karnataka): Sir, they cannot force the Government to answer. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not forcing it. *(Interruptions)* Nobody is forcing the Government. The only thing that I told Mr. Venkaiah Naidu is that the Government is listening. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, who is listening?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Government is sitting here. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is also here. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not necessary. ...*(Interruptions)*... Two Cabinet Ministers are here. ...*(Interruptions)*

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): Sir, I will bring this issue before the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, what did she say? ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: She will bring this matter before the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. ...*(Interruptions)* Shri R.C. Singh. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: I request the Chair to direct the Government to come back to the House. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: On Zero Hour Mention, I am afraid I will not be able to direct the Government, because I don't want to make new conventions. *(Interruptions)* The hon. Minister has responded. *(Interruptions)* She is going to take up this matter with the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. *(Interruptions)* That means the Government has taken note of your mention. *(Interruptions)* The Government has taken note of it and the hon. Minister has promised that this matter will be brought to the notice of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. *(Interruptions)* आपने उठाया था ...**(व्यवधान)**... देखिए, इसका जवाब मैं नहीं दे सकता ...**(व्यवधान)**... I cannot give answer to all your questions. यह Zero Hour है, please don't spoil it *(Interruptions)* Please don't spoil it. *(Interruptions)* आप जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... देखिए, Zero Hour में यह नहीं होता ...**(व्यवधान)**... देखिए, hon. Members, ...**(व्यवधान)**... आप अपनी seats पर जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... अब आप अपनी seats पर जाइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... मैं खड़ा हूँ ...**(व्यवधान)**... I appeal to hon. Members.*(Interruptions)*

This Zero Hour is being appreciated all over the country. *(Interruptions)* Let us not spoil this. *(Interruptions)* The sensitivity is there. *(Interruptions)* We have discussed this. *(Interruptions)* Let us not create new conventions. *(Interruptions)* We have been maintaining in the Zero Hour that the Chair will not be able to direct the Government to do this or that. *(Interruptions)* There is no mention of the Zero Hour in the Rules. When there is no Zero Hour in the Rules, it is a convention. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, you are steaming out. When people are ....*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have rightly used the word. But the question is.. *(Interruptions)* Please don't disturb. *(Interruptions)* I fully agree with the sensitivity of the matter. The hon. Minister has responded. Let us leave it at that. Then in whatever manner you want to raise it under the Rules, you give a notice, the Chair will consider this. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Postpone this burning issue.. *(Interruptions)*..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. I told you.. *(Interruptions)*.. Please. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Sir, I know the position of the Chair. It is

not an argument with the Chair. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not saying that you are arguing with me. The Government has taken note of the sensitivity. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: What is the response of the Government? ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: We want a statement of the Home Minister on Telangana issue, as to what is happening there. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your voice is being heard. Give some time to the Government. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Who will be held responsible for the consequences? *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, you are a senior Member. You have mentioned it. *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Sir, realising the gravity of the situation and the emotions expressed rightly by the hon. Members of the House, I made a *suo-motu* assurance that I would bring this matter to the notice of the Home Minister and the Prime Minister. If a further discussion is needed, surely, Zero Hour is not the only forum.